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TO AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNGA, LU

SUBJECT: THORN REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON UN

REF: A) LUXEMBOURG 229; B) STATE 61844

1. PURSUANT TO RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMB. FARKAS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM WILL BE IN EUROPE MID-JUNE AND WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT LUXEMBOURG JUNE 19.

2. YOU THEREFORE REQUESTED APPROACH SECRETARY GENERAL PIERRE WURTH AND STATE THAT BUFFUM WOULD BE AVAILABLE JUNE 19 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MFA AND FOR CALL ON PRIME MINISTER THORN SHOULD HE SO DESIRE.

3. IF WURTH INDICATES THAT THIS DATE IS CONVENIENT, YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

A. BUFFUM LOOKS FORWARD PARTICULARLY TO RENEWING HIS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH WURTH WHO HE REMEMBERS WARMLY FROM THEIR SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE IN NEW YORK AT THE UN.

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B. BUFFUM IS ANXIOUS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PRIME MINISTER THORN'S INTEREST IN CLOSE AND CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO HIS FUTURE ROLE AS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT AND WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT WURTH HAS IN THIS CONNECTION.

C. WHILE WE BELIEVE THORN WILL BE FORMALLY CHOSEN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AS THE CANDIDATE OF THE WEO GROUP FOR PRESIDENT OF THE 30TH GA, IT WOULD BE MARKED DEPARTURE FROM OUR NORMAL PRACTICE TO MAKE PUBLIC INDICATION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR A REGIONAL GROUP'S CANDIDATE BEFORE HE HAD BEEN DESIGNATED AS SUCH BY THAT GROUP, AND COULD EASILY AROUSE RESENTMENTS, NOT ONLY OF RIVAL CANDIDATES, BUT WITHIN WEO GROUP. IN FACT, ANY INTIMATION THORN IS PREFERRED US CANDIDATE COULD MILITATE AGAINST HIS ENDORSEMENT BY WEO'S. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BUFFUM'S VISIT NOT BE GIVEN PUBLICITY AND THAT IF ANY INQUIRIES ARE MADE, IT BE EXPLAINED AS ONE OF SEVERAL CONSULTATIONS BUFFUM IS HAVING ON UN MATTERS. INGERSOLL

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